

MITCHELL COUNTY.

An Incendiary Fire Nipped in the Bud—Indignation of Citizens—Other Interesting Items from Colorado.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
Colorado, September 19.—Last night about 1 o'clock our citizens were startled by the ever terrifying cry of fire! and a blaze was seen coming from the back shop in the rear end of the Grand Central Hotel. The door was soon broken open and a burning mass of rubbish dragged into the street, thus extinguishing the flames. Had it not been for the promptness of action a serious conflagration would have resulted. An investigation of the surroundings show the work to be plainly that of an incendiary, large quantities of coal oil having been poured over the floor, chairs, tables and boxes, and the matches applied in a prepared box of straw and shavings. This is the third time a fire has been lit in this same locality, and it is now generally believed, although no actual proof can be secured, that the large fire of last month was the work of the same fire bug. Our citizens are thoroughly aroused and a call for a mass meeting to be held at the Frankel opera-house at 5 p. m. has been issued by Sol Kahn, chairman, to take immediate steps for an investigation of these various attempts, and also to devise measures for more efficient protection against their recurrence. The sentiment is freely expressed that if the guilty party or parties can be discovered, Judge Lynch's court will hold an open session, on short notice, and the railroad bridge will receive some decorative trimmings that will prove food for buzzards. Hanging is much too good for a man who will deliberately and with malicious intent apply the match, where not only thousands of dollars worth of valuable property but also the lives of hundreds of innocent sleepers are thrown into jeopardy. We can scarcely realize a being so degraded.

Winfield Scott has returned from his hunt to the Fort and will re-enter upon his building operations with renewed vigor. This time it is a brick block on Second street.

A large crowd was out to see the Fort Worth Nationals go off on yesterday's train, and bid "bon voyage" to the boys. They expressed themselves as highly gratified with the results of their trip and the courteous treatment at the hands of our citizens. "Come again," was the general invitation.

Frank Sexton, of the firm of Sexton & Patterson, also boarded the train armed with two buffalo robes and a through ticket to Washington, D. C., where he goes to visit the old folks after an absence of over three years. He will mingle business with pleasure and extend his trip to New York city for the purpose of organizing a company to take hold of and develop the Rattlecap mine, situated in the Organ mountains of New Mexico, of which he is sole owner. This claim adjoins one of the best paying gold quartz mines in the country.

M. K. Thorburn, the general representative of Britton, Irvine & Co., of Dallas, is in to-day looking up his customers here.

Heavy showers are reported from all the surrounding country, and to-day the blessed rain came pattering upon our window pane. The refreshing, healthful influence is upon us to such an extent that we are almost tempted to alliet our readers with sixteen paragraphs of blank verses entitled "Beautiful Rain," which spontaneously was ground out in a dream, but graciously forbore to harrow up their souls and stand each particular hair on end by its recital.

Mr. Jack Frost and his estimable lady came in from the ranch in Tom Green county and took Monday's train for their old home in St. Louis, where they will remain for a short time on a visit to relatives.

Large quantities of Northern produce is now being received in carload lots direct from St. Louis to this point and prices to consumers of fresh vegetables have been thereby very materially reduced. Our merchants also forward large quantities of the same to adjoining towns on the Texas & Pacific railway, both east and west of this place.

George B. Loving, manager of the Texas Investment company, consummated the sale of 5,000 acres of fine grazing land, situated on Yellowhouse canyon, in Crosby county, to S. R. Udell & Co., while here between trains last Monday.

Mr. Matthews, agent for the celebrated gold leaf tobacco clip, manufactured by the Louisville Leaf Tobacco company of Louisville, Ky., is in town to-day, looking up his interests here.

Among the outgoing passengers for the East yesterday we noticed Jacob Frenkle and C. E. Hicks, who ran down to the Fort for a business trip together.

Our city fathers will hold their regular weekly meeting this evening. Many important matters relating to the enforcement of the ordinances recently passed will come up for consideration.

Dan S. Park, our popular young friend in the jewelry line, is expected home to-day from an extended trip to Missouri, where he has been on a visit to kin folks, and rumor has it that he will be accompanied by Mrs. Park.

The many friends of the GAZETTE here were sadly disappointed at the non-arrival of their favorite paper on Sunday last, and to-day again their curses are both loud and deep at the news that the West bound train is only nine hours late.

Samuel J. Randall Retires.

(Philadelphia Times.)
Ex-Speaker Randall's term of service as a quarter session's juror expired yesterday. The panel, of which he was one, was paid off and discharged with the thanks of Judge Hare. Mr. Randall has served altogether five days. He was entitled to a fee of \$2.50 for each day. Some of the court officers had laid wagers on the question of the congressman's acquittal. The panel was given that he would not. Two tipstiffs constituted themselves a committee to report the outcome. When Mr. Randall's name was called no one answered. It was called a second time, but still no reply. The officer turned over another leaf and called out another name. The officers who had faith enough in sentiment to give odds on the point smiled at each other and cast up their winnings. An enthusiastic Democratic tipstaff was hugging himself with delight

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Our merchants are preparing for the coming season. The compress will commence operation October 1st with brilliant prospects ahead. The Phoenix oil mills commence at the same time, and though successful during the last season, expect to improve on experience. The same officers are in charge. The steamer Alpha, costing \$10,000, and built at our wharf by the oil company, is already playing in the waters of Red river and its tributaries, collecting cotton seed.

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